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Convocation Marks Professor's 65th Year at UB

Prof. Greenhalgh receives the public's applause, Dr. Nicholas gets the Teacher of the Year award

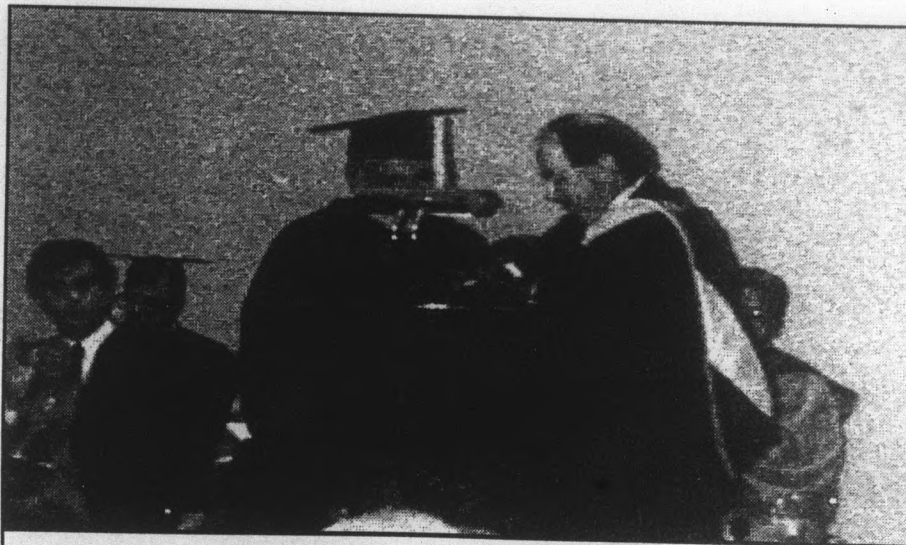
by Nickolai Kralev

At a traditional convocation ceremony September 4, Prof. Milton Greenhalgh was officially congratulated for the first time by the academic community on his 65th year at UB. He has been teaching chemistry here since 1932.

Dr. John Nicholas, geology professor, got the Teacher of the Year award for 1997. In addition to his moral prize, he received a \$1,000 stipend and another \$1,000 for the realization of a project of his choice.

"This institution knows more about rocks than any other in the United States," said Provost Michael Grant while introducing this year's winner. Dr. Grant also recalled Chaucer's words from Canterbury Tales that a scholar is someone who would gladly learn and gladly teach.

"I'm used to speaking about time in terms of billions, millions and thousands of years, so my 27 years in this university don't really seem such a long period," said Dr. Nicholas in his



In addition to his award, presented by Provost Grant, Dr. Nicholas received \$1000.

address. He has been the only geologist at UB since he came in 1970.

For most of his presentation, Littlefield Recital Hall in Arnold Bernhard Center remained dark, because he showed slides of his best shots from his trips around the world.

President Richard L. Rubenstein didn't show any pictures from his

latest visits to France, the United Arab Emirates and Russia, but he shared with students and professors a conclusion confirmed in all of those three very different countries:

"The modern world doesn't only generate wealth, but poverty as well. And the crucial line between wealth and poverty is education," he said.

"Look at those four years at college as the most important in your life, because education is most crucial for your future," the president told the new students at UB.

Dr. Anthony Guerra, dean of the College of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, added to Dr. Rubenstein's words the appeal to the freshmen to enjoy the friendship of their fellow students and appreciate the diversity of nations and cultures on campus.

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congratulates

Prof. Milton Greenhalgh

on his 65th year at UB
and promises to devote a whole
page in one of the future issues to
his professional and private life at
our Alma Mater.

President: I'll Fight for the School of Education

President Rubenstein is determined to make the one-year probation period successful

by Nickolai Kralev

UB is determined to comply with all requirements of the authorities, and keep the accreditation of the School of Education, President Richard L. Rubenstein said after returning from his summer vacation and trips to three countries.

"I'll fight for the School of Education, because it has proved its quality and effectiveness," he said in an interview with The Scribe.

The School of Education was given a one-year probation period by the State of Connecticut Board of Education, after it was threatened with losing its accreditation during the summer. A site and a review committee worked on the case. The State Department of Education suggested a two-year probation.

The budget of the university is not of such a big concern for the president, although PWPA's contributions this year will be reduced by \$4 million in comparison with last year. "Our ability to manage by ourselves is going up," he said.

The administration is thinking of

expanding the university by opening campuses overseas. To see and assess the opportunities for this was one of the tasks the president and Dr. Anthony Guerra, dean of the College of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, had during their visits to the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan.

Dr. Rubenstein, together with Dr. Stoyan Ganev, vice-president for international affairs, explored the chances of working with training academies in Russia, while on a trip to Moscow. They met with officials from three ministries: finance, international trade and justice.

UB and its partners in Russia are discussing the idea of establishing a 12-week certificate course for Russians, a month of which would be spent in Moscow, and three months in Bridgeport and Stamford.

UB, the president announced, will present on October 5 an honorary Ph.D. to the Ukrainian foreign minister, Genadiy Udovenko, who is President of the U.N. General Assembly for the session of 1997-98. Mr. Udovenko has already visited the university.

Career Center Reopens

Counselor Lynnette Wood is determined to transform students into potential competitive employees

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

The UB Resource Center has reopened after a grace period of a year and a half, after it was shut down

member of the business world for twenty-five years. Though not completely turning her back on it, she now tackles the various problems and challenges of arranging jobs,



L. Wood already equipped her office with appropriate materials.

internships and workshops on everything needed to transform a university student, whether a graduate or not, into a potential employee to be reckoned with.

With the help of her contacts in the business world,

because of a lack of funding. At the time, Dean of Students Janet Merritt took it upon herself to try to find various job opportunities and advice on career development. Now, here to relieve her of the pressure is Lynnette Wood, appointed by a search committee consisting of students, faculty and staff.

Ms. Wood has been a prominent

job offers for students are already pouring in. They include ones from IBM, Microsoft and Compaq. This serves not to placate her, but to spur her on to greater heights in the better interests of the students.

Ms. Wood has great expectations of herself and her office, the first of

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News

Student Congress President Labors on Better Curriculum

Justin Harding plans to resolve the budget issue first and later focus on other duties

by Lucas Mc Cloud

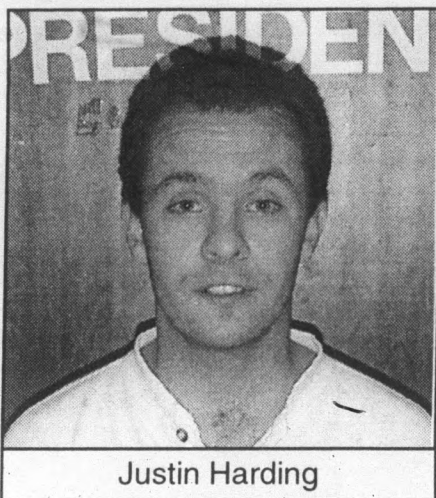
Student Congress President Justin Harding has outlined a plan to create a new curriculum for the work of the student government. He wants to resolve the budget issue first, so he can later focus Congress and himself on other duties, such as development of the campus, and student and faculty problems.

"Last year was a slugfest," said Justin Harding. "Each group was fighting to get itself money. This year, I'm looking to get that resolved from the start, so that Congress can work on the issues that will improve campus life."

In previous years, Student Congress was given more money, so it could host more campus events. The recent trend, however, has been to reduce the budget, from which the students suffer most. Less money is able to be devoted to the major social club, Student Center Board of Directors, which hosts such events as Halloween Bash, Valentine's Dance, Winter Prelude, and the Cruise to Nowhere. With ever-decreasing funds though, events like this are being held by the skin of their teeth.

Also, each other club argues to

get money, so that it can host its own events. The only way for more money to be allocated to Student Congress is



Justin Harding

by the Congress showing that it is productive in the school community and effective in establishing good student-professor-administration relations. But none of this can be accomplished because of the budget debates.

If the budget can be passed without a major problem, Justin feels that Congress can assert itself in the community and prove its value to the city of Bridgeport. One major point of his plan is to have S.C.B.O.D.'s funding come directly from the school, so that even more money can be allocated to the clubs so that Congress will not have to set aside a certain amount for S.C.B.O.D., as is the practice now.

Also on his agenda are the problems of cliques on campus, and the issue of security at parties where alcohol is consumed.

Student Congress is made up of 22 members. A majority of the positions this year are held by students with little or no experience in student government. Justin feels this is a positive direction for the Congress, and looks forward to working with the new representatives.

The Congress itself is made up of a senator and co-senator from each college, a class president and vice-president from each class, the Commuter Students Association President, the Residence Hall Association President and the presidents of all the student clubs and organizations. Together, they form the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Also, there is an executive branch consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Congress, and the Speaker of the House. The final branch of Student Congress, the Student Judicial Council, is composed of 10-15 students and has no votes in Congress.

Elections are held every year for all positions, except for secretary and treasurer who are appointed by the president.

School of Ed To Move to Heart of Campus

\$1 million turning Carlson Hall into a striving metropolis

by Dale Carnegie students."

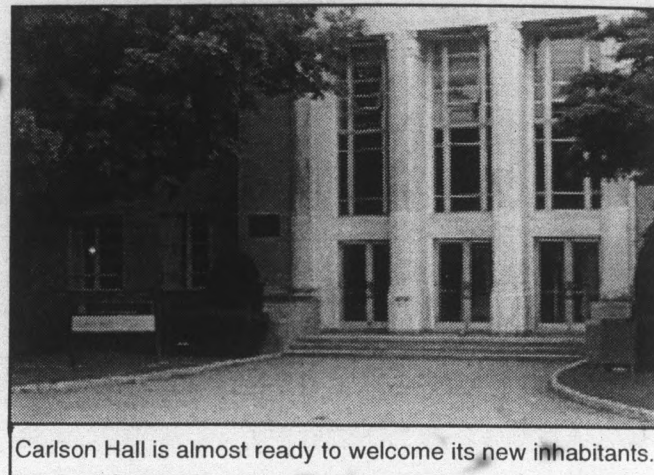
The School of Education is soon expected to move to Carlson Hall. The School has taken the responsibility on itself to rectify and improve its facilities, Director Allen Cook told The Scribe.

The relocation reflects UB's attitude towards the students' education, he said. UB wants to equip the students as best it can, so that they are fully prepared to achieve their goals.

"The students are important, and the School of Education is trying to improve its conditions to cater to the students' needs," said Prof. Cook.

"Moving to Carlson puts us right in the middle of student activities It was of extreme importance that the School move from the outskirts of the campus to a location on campus. Being at Carlson Hall makes it very easy to communicate and interact with

The School of Education has been constantly bad mouthed, disrespected, and downplayed, said its director. Rumors such as "the School of



Carlson Hall is almost ready to welcome its new inhabitants.

Education is located in a basement and the state of Connecticut has threatened to revoke its license.

But the director is positive that his colleagues are working hard and are constantly improving their programs and facilities. It is true, however, that there were some problems that had to be corrected.

"We are in the process of resolving any problem that has arisen," said

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'Surf Cut' Limits Access to Internet

Non-computer majors can surf the net only in the morning

by Su-Lin Lim

A "surf cut" at the Dana Hall computer labs with access to the

Internet has been announced this week. This limits the time for surfing the net, after unrestricted usage.

The engineering department has decided to put the limitation. Students who are not computer engineering or computer science majors are only allowed to use the Internet computer labs to "surf" or e-mail from 8:30 a.m. to

2 p.m. After 2 p.m., the labs are reserved for computer engineering and computer science majors.

This is due to the tremendous rise in student enrollment at the University this year. The number of computers available in the labs is insufficient to meet the growing demands of UB students. Therefore, the engineering department has no choice but to implement the "surf cut."

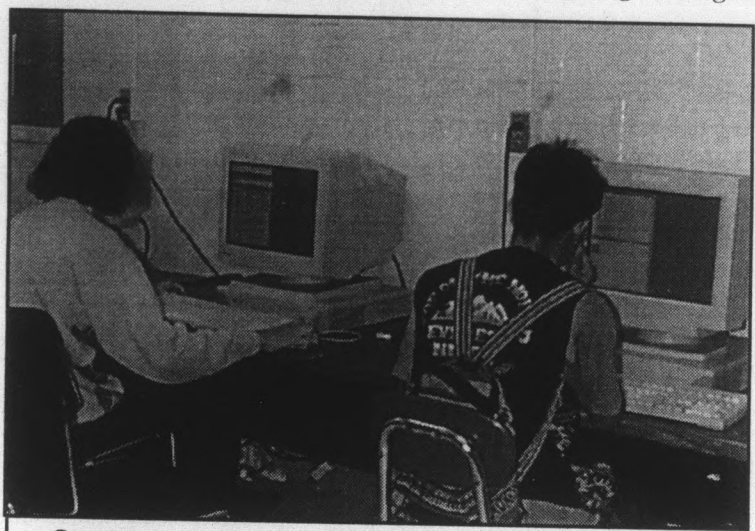
There may be mixed feelings about this issue. One of the advantages is to create convenience for computer engineering and computer science major students, enabling easy access to the machines. On the other hand, the remaining student body would have difficulty in getting access to the Internet.

There are only a few computer platforms available around campus: at

Dana Hall, the Science and Technology Building, Bodine Hall, and the library. With the implementation of this new system, non-computer engineering and computer science students can only use the labs in Dana Hall until 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, the computers in the Tech Building are few and outdated. Also, the library has very few computers. Those who want to connect through Bodine Hall have to have their own computers.

The problem with the insufficient number of computers connected to the Internet is not really caused by the tremendous number of new students, but rather by the lack of funding.



Students rushing to finish their search on time.

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which is to assess the needs of students and faculty here. Plans for an open house, workshops and a 24-hour employment search by computer are on the agenda. She intends to interact with the students as well as the faculty members, giving them the benefit of her skills and knowledge.

Asserting that students need to be fully prepared for a job interview, complete with resumes and cover letters, she seems set to address this with enthusiasm. She believes strongly that "UB is a global university in a global marketplace and has a lot to offer."

After successfully raising two children, Ms. Wood, a former resident of Chicago, moved here to the East coast to be with her family and fiancé. She professes to love the friendliness of the people here, Long Island Sound, as well as the unique rich history of Bridgeport.

Her impressive qualifications include a B.A. in Business from Northwestern University, a certificate in Advanced Advertising from the Medil School of Journalism, and a MBA from Lake Forrest Graduate School of Management. To add to this is her warm personality, truly an asset in this line of work.

Ms. Wood's office is on the second floor of the Student Center, opposite The Scribe's offices. The office, still in the process of being set up with some equipment yet to be bought, is expected to be fully functional in a few weeks. However, her door is open to any students interested and her mind — to any ideas.

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Prof. Cook. One of the problems was the location, it was too far away from the heart of the campus, it was too small and it posed some level of inconvenience.

That inconvenience led the School of Education to demand some serious changes, for the realization of which \$1 million were allocated. That is how much it has taken to refurbish and rebuild Carlson Hall. It has been transformed from a rundown building to a striving metropolis.

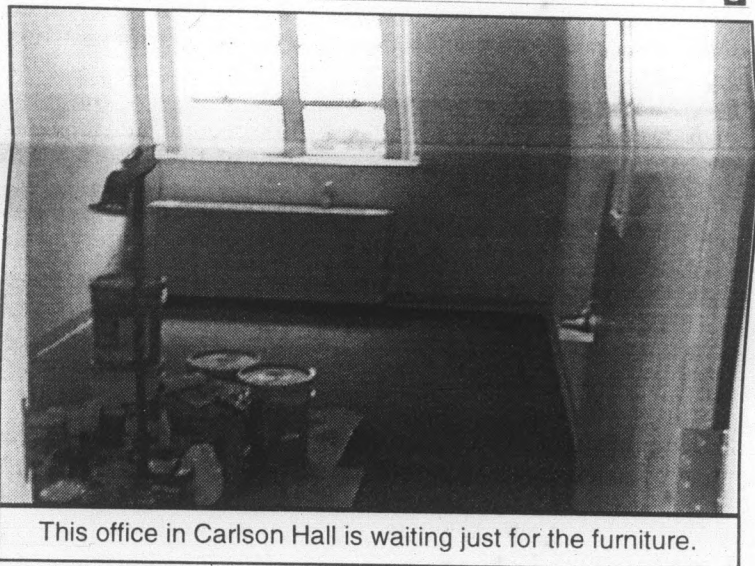
"Carlson is absolutely

beautiful," said freshman Kelly Ng. "It is equipped with mammoth offices, state of the

art security and safety devices and automatic lights."

The School of Education has become a well-oiled machine, fully equipped to take on any opponent

that threatens its development, said its director.



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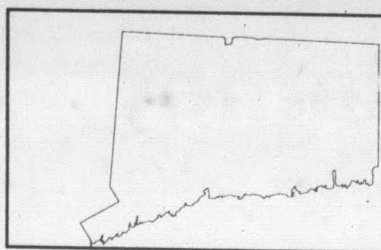
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CT News

New-born penguin gets strange name

MYSTIC, Conn. (AP) Its name is SD9701, but you can call it cute. The name, hard to remember and not easy to pronounce, has been tagged to the newest penguin at Mystic Marinelife Aquarium, a fuzzy, three-pound African black-footed penguin born February 1.

The penguin's gender won't be known until it either lays an egg or fertilizes one.

The penguin is being kept indoors and has not been exposed to water yet because of its newborn down covering. The down will soon be replaced by its first set of chick feathers which will reveal the typical tuxedo colors.

Penguins, contrary to popular belief, are mostly from warmer

climates such as Africa. Only three of 18 species are found in the Antarctic.

High school senior discusses business with Forbes

DANIELSON, Conn. (AP) Keith Nedell has discussed business issues with Steve Forbes, publisher of the financial magazine and former presidential candidate. Impressive? Yes, because Nedell is only 17.

The Killingly High School senior was one of 80 Junior Achievement High School students in the nation to be named a Forbes Enterprise Scholar.

"He wanted to be an investment banker ever since he found out what it was," said Janet Socquet, his mother. "He's always trying to tell me where to invest the money I don't have."

Nedell is attending Stonehill College in Massachusetts this fall. He said he fell in love with the idea of helping people develop a financial portfolio.

Demand for cigars increases

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) A cigar is not just a cigar, contrary to the popular saying.

Business owners in Connecticut are capitalizing on the national trend of cigar popularity. They tout the sale of the aromatic stogies from signs hanging on their stores.

Steve Posa, owner of Cigar Depot, said the demand for cigars in his stores is keeping the shelves empty.

His lament- fine cigars are not being produced fast enough to keep up with the public torrent of interest.

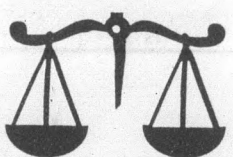
Bob McFadden, of Wolcott Insurance Agency, started selling cigars from his office after clients began requesting the ones he handed out to them.

East is meeting West out west

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) Sixty Connecticut Impressionist paintings from the corporate collection of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. are on exhibit in Scottsdale, Ariz. The paintings are being paired with Impressionist work from California.

"This is very definitely the moment of awareness, reached over the last 10 years, that American Impressionism was a national style," said Jeffrey Andersen, director of the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. "It's the first exhibit I'm aware of in this country to compare and contrast two regional schools of American Impressionism."

The two states were paired together to show similarities and differences in theme and effect. Some of the artists painted scenes of both states. The paintings, 120 total pieces, are on exhibit at the Fleischer Museum in Scottsdale.



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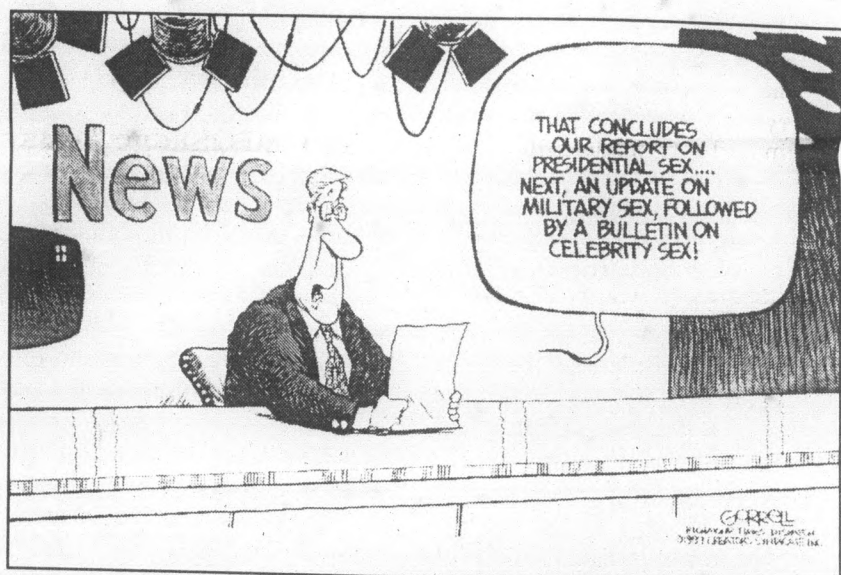
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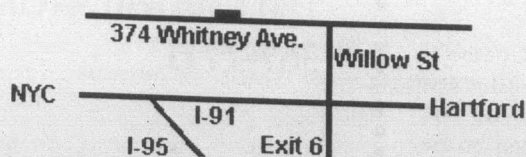
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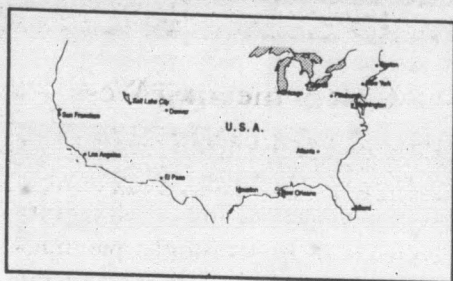
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World News

U.S. News

Albright faces her toughest challenge in the Arab-Israeli standoff

WASHINGTON (AP) Facing her toughest challenge as secretary of state, Madeleine Albright headed to the Middle East on Tuesday to try to reverse the dangerous skid in Arab-Israeli relations.

The week-long trip could be the Clinton administration's last chance in a long while to ease the "crisis of confidence" that has stalemated negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians amid a devastating swirl of terrorist attacks.

The odds are long. But a senior State Department official on Monday noted the alternatives to not trying: "More violence, more victims, lost hope and the extremists win."

U.S. senator demands that Washington back down in land mine talks

OSLO, Norway (AP) A leading U.S. Democrat lashed out at President Clinton's administration Monday for its resistance to a treaty banning anti-personnel land mines.

At a conference in Norway this week, the United States has been holding out for exceptions to the proposed treaty, hoping for concessions on the Korean peninsula and on so-called "smart mines."

Group protests against nuclear-powered spacecrafts

WASHINGTON (AP) Launching a spacecraft powered by 72 pounds (33 kilos) of plutonium could harm millions of people if there were an accident, opponents of the Cassini space mission said Monday.

NASA officials disagreed, saying independent experts have examined the craft and found it to be safe.

Police blocks buses with Karadzic's supporters

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) Foreign peacekeepers and police loyal to the Bosnian Serb president blocked dozens of buses carrying supporters of her rival, war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, to a rally Monday.

Only about 500 people appeared at the evening rally in central Banja Luka, President Biljana Plavsic's stronghold, chanting anti-Plavsic slogans and waving Karadzic posters.

They were outnumbered about 2-to-1 by Plavsic supporters, who booed, jeered and shouted, "Thieves! Thieves!" to drown out any speech by Momcilo Krajisnik, one of Karadzic's chief allies.

Plavsic, with strong backing from foreign envoys and forces, has been trying to wrench control of the Serb half of Bosnia from Karadzic, accusing her former mentor of impoverishing and ruining his people by rejecting the Dayton peace accord and enriching himself through crime and corruption.

Tabloids pledge to stay away from Diana's sons

LONDON (AP) The people's flowers, heaped outside the Spencer family estate, were gathered up and scattered on Princess Diana's island grave Monday, and Britain's tabloids pledged to stay out of her sons' private lives. Diana's brother Charles, the 9th Earl Spencer, thanked people around the world for the flowers.

"The knowledge that Diana's life

gave so many people so much can now be balanced by the hope that, in death, her legacy will be immortal," Spencer said.

The government began discussing a fitting public memorial for the "people's princess." And the Spencers rejected Buckingham Palace's offer to consider restoring in death the honorary title "Her Royal Highness," stripped in last year's divorce.

In Paris, the bodyguard who was the sole survivor of the Aug. 31 crash that killed Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver, was reported to be conscious but not yet able to assist police.

Mother Teresa's funeral will combine high honors, the lowest poor

CALCUTTA, India (AP) Mother Teresa, whose message of peace and compassion went beyond the boundaries of creed and nationality, will go to her burial place on a gun carriage, draped in the Indian flag.

The military trappings of Saturday's state funeral might clash with the image of the Nobel Peace laureate. But church leaders said Monday it was just the government's way of giving Mother Teresa its most prestigious farewell.

Rev. Anthony Rodricks, an aide to Calcutta's Roman Catholic archbishop, Henry D'Souza, acknowledged there had been objections to the gun carriage.

"People might think of war when they see a gun carriage, but this is not the way it should be taken. A state funeral is the highest honor the state

government can give Mother, and that is the spirit in which the ceremony should be taken," he said Monday.

Mobutu's death met with indifference in his homeland

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) For decades, he was one of the most powerful men in Africa, a ruthless dictator who looted his country's treasury and left his people impoverished. Yet Mobutu Sese Seko's homeland barely blinked Monday when it learned of his death.

With a calm that reflected just how much of a nonentity the former president had become, Congo state radio simply announced he had succumbed to prostate cancer Sunday night in Morocco, where he had fled into exile nearly four months ago.

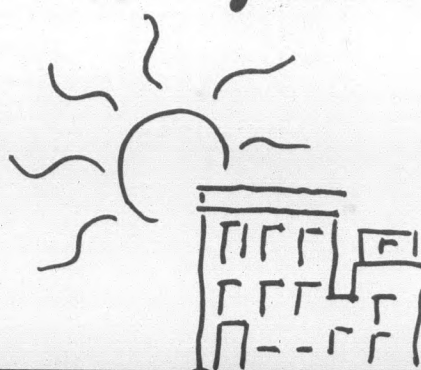
"In the African tradition, you don't say anything bad about someone who has died and you don't rejoice in his leaving, even if he has caused you harm," the announcer said.

Mir's computer breaks down, space station hobbled again

MOSCOW (AP) The Mir's onboard computer, which seems to have a mind of its own, broke down again Monday and forced the crew to shut down most of the space station's equipment.

Russian and American space officials downplayed the seriousness of the computer crash, the third aboard Mir since mid-July.

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Campus Life

Programming Courses Should Be More, Students Say

by Shai Bar-Nefy

There are not enough courses in programming at UB, show the results of a survey conducted by The Scribe at the beginning of the new semester.

Most of the computer engineering majors take only two programming courses: CS101, which gives basic skills of programming using C++, and CS102, which is a data structure course.

For sophomores and juniors, there are courses like CpE308, which use these skills but do not teach programming. There is an average gap of a year between the CS102 course and the next time students would use their programming skills. As a result, when they eventually need to program, they have already forgotten the material and have a hard time accomplishing the tasks in higher-level courses.

In the survey, students were asked the following questions:

1. Do you feel confident enough about programming?
2. Which courses helped you most and the lack of which do you feel?
3. Would you search for a software job, having your current programming skills?

Only a few of the CpE majors answered positively. Prabhakant Das, a

senior, is confident and would go for a software position. "By choosing software courses as my electives, and working in programming through college years, I gained confidence to program computer software," he said.

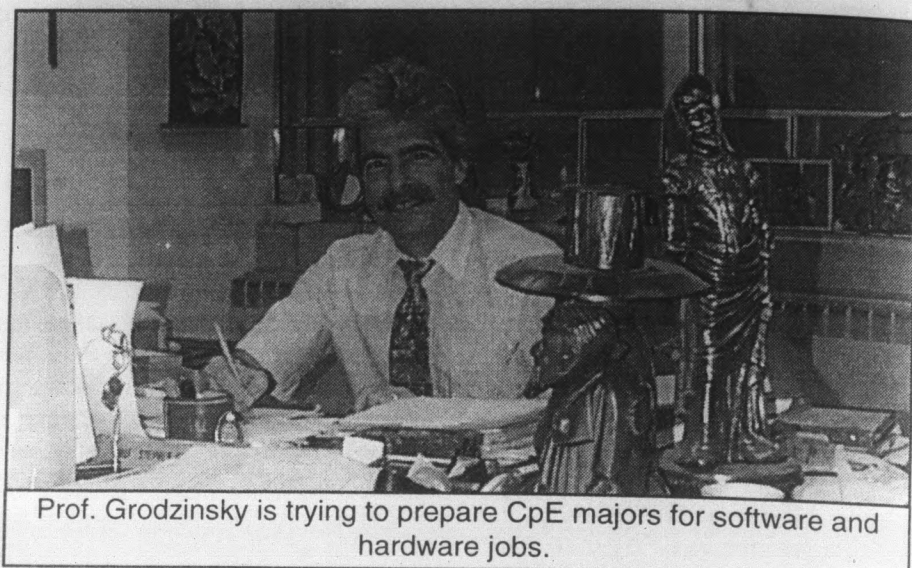
Most of the students answered negatively to this part of the survey. Bamba Fall and Jianen Chen, sophomores, said that they do not feel confident enough. Both agreed that CS101 and CS102 helped them a lot, and that professor Dichter did a good job, but it is not enough. "We need more C++, and courses that give other skills like Java, Visual Basic and more Net related skills."

Seniors who already took most of their software related courses feel the same. Rudy Bauer said that he is not

CpE majors do not have enough programming skills nor confidence to search for a software job when they graduate. Today, even a hardware designer needs a good knowledge of software. Both the students and Prof. Grodzinsky, head of the engineering department, feel that there is a need to make change.

confident enough about programming and would not apply for a software job. He feels that CS101 gave him a lot, but that "we need more C/C++, Assembly, or FORTRAN languages."

Loaded with complaints, I stepped into Professor's Grodzinsky office, and surprisingly enough he had no



Prof. Grodzinsky is trying to prepare CpE majors for software and hardware jobs.

objections. According to him and Professor Gonhsin Liu, the

program. ABET requires humanities, fine arts, sciences and many other courses that CpE majors, even in their wildest nightmares, would never dream of taking.

The third is more philosophic. Professor Grodzinsky believes that even engineers should know a little bit about their world and have good communication skills.

Professor Liu shared almost the same thoughts, but he recommended that students work towards their master's degree and not expect to graduate as specialists in both fields, having only a B.S.

In fact, hardware engineers need to know software. In order to apply for a job as a hardware designer, certain software skills like C and C++, are a basic requirement. Professor Grodzinsky was happy to get our feedback, and suggested a meeting with him and his students to discuss the issue. There is a plan to add one programming course that would follow CS102.

Second is ABET. We must follow their rules, otherwise we will lose accreditation and that would be detrimental to the

department discussed the issue in the past.

Professor Grodzinsky is trying to prepare CpE majors both for software and hardware jobs. He is aware that the software side of the program is weak, and is willing to make changes.

Answering to students' complaints he addressed a few problems. The first is time. We can't give all the courses because it would take too long for the students to graduate, he said.

Student Poll

Question:

How do you feel about the time limit for net surfing in Dana Hall computer labs?



I don't feel it's good for all students. But it benefits CPE and CS majors.

David Landon



I don't like the situation. It's discrimination since we have classes during the lab hours. It seems nobody but computer majors can use it?

Amela Omeragic



I feel bad for the computer majors but the rest of the university usually have classes between the suggested time. Maybe they should have a lab for non computer majors.

Beylul Solomon



I don't mind at all. The number of students has increased and we should adjust the time table to the situation.

Ali Tirmizi



I think it is ridiculous to use Sunsparc stations to just browse the web. We need the labs for constructive computer sciences related work.

Petar Gacesa



If this University wants to be competitive, it has got to be able to provide the services to surf the web and access to the computer labs. As far as I see it right now, it is not.

Gunnar Larsson

UB R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Student Development division's new motto

by Sharon Loh

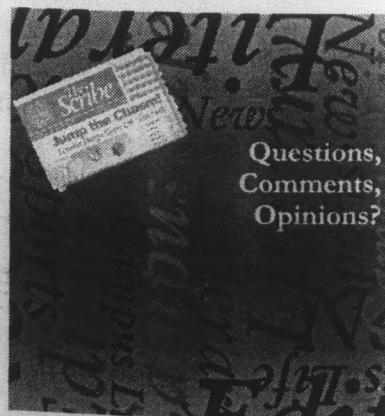
Recognizing Each Student's Personal, Educational and Cultural Talents (UB R.E.S.P.E.C.T.) is the new goal for the Student Development division for the academic year of 1997-98.

The theme came up during a retreat held by the Student Development division at the end of the last academic year. It is the division's way of making UB's diversity known. According to Dean of Students Janet Merritt, "UB is a very special place...we should enjoy the diversity."

Dean Merritt also hopes that the theme UB R.E.S.P.E.C.T., though subtle, will give a start to ways of helping each other in the UB community to better understand and respect each other. She mentioned that it is also

important to pay attention to learning about other cultures, their cuisines, customs and religion. It also includes learning about the Bridgeport community.

Student organizations willing to join the bandwagon would be welcomed by the Student Development division through community projects as well as other programs.



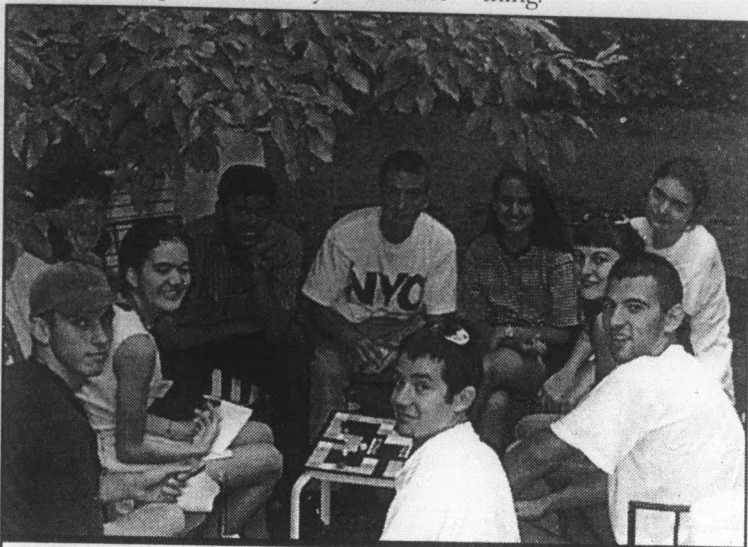
Freshmen Feel Welcome and Respected at UB

by Lucas Mc Cloud

"What am I doing here? I have no clue where to go!"

"Hi! I'm Luisa Guzman, and I'm here to help welcome you to the

was supposed to be headed once I arrived on campus. Expecting some sort of freshman hazing, but instead walking out with my measles vaccination proof, I couldn't help but feel that this was going to be a good thing.



Some people just rest at Dean Merritt's place...

University of Bridgeport."

With that, before I could say "Purple Knights," I was being informed, even assisted, on where I

needed. I couldn't help but feel welcomed and recognized as a student at UB.

Beginning with my residence floor

Instead of being shunned for being a first-timer on campus, I found myself being barraged with information on where to go, what to do, who to do it with, and how to get more help if

meeting, where an opportunity was presented to meet fellow classmates, to Dean Janet Merritt's fabulous house where she hosted a Labor Day picnic. I actually felt that the orientation staff was trying to make us feel as if we had never left high school, and that we were merely changing addresses and not moving into college.

The members of the orientation staff understood what kind of experience we were going through and did their best to accommodate all of our wants and needs. More often than not, questions were not necessary because of their thoroughness in discussing school policy, dining hall policy, and residence policy.

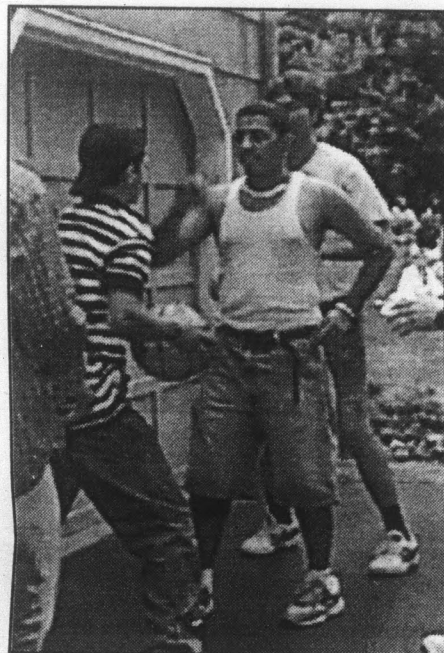
Throughout orientation, the opportunity to pick up sage advice and make new friends was evident from the start. Almost immediately, while moving into Barnum Hall, I found friends in the resident assistants who guided me to my room, my roommate and settling in to my new home.

At various events, such as bingo night, movie night, and the Trumbull Mall shopping trip, I made new friends in such upper classmates as Lynette

Spieler and Linda Allen. Throughout, they provided a shoulder to lean upon, along with the other freshman, so getting acquainted with the school wouldn't be a difficult task.

At the Labor Day picnic, I felt that everything possible had been done to make it an entertaining afternoon with volleyball, basketball, and even croquet on the agenda. And that Dean Merritt and David and Edina Oestreicher had held back nothing, even in making those who sometimes are a nuisance at parties feel welcome and part of the school.

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... and others play.

Seniors Look Back on UB Experience

by Surovi Abeyratne

The sun is setting on my years at UB, and soon will dawn again on a new phase in my life, with the approaching of the new millennium. A millennium which has as its heritage unparalleled technological, economical and social advancement, a veritable global village bound closely together by revolutionary developments in telecommunications and computers, yet also a heritage that leaves two-thirds of its world in poverty and starvation and in which the explosion of ethnicity has reverberated around the world.

What have I, here at UB, learned to combat and confront this millennium of contradictions? Primarily, I have realized that life is often full of contradictions, and we are often given the opportunity to find the balance that lies within. The manner in which we find and achieve this delicate balance often shapes our character, personality, attitudes and, most important, our destiny.

Consider the location of UB in symbolic terms, with its close physical proximity to both beauty and poverty. To those whose attitudes are determined by first impressions and also by vague generalizations of the presence of the

disbanded Unification church, will probably discourage others, but to those seeking the challenges of university life, however, will find within UB's walls a multitude of character-building experiences, challenges, discoveries and decisions, and will find that UB is indeed a bridge between two extremes.

I have also learned here at UB, that behind every monumental obstacle is an opportunity for self-discovery. For instance, when the athletics program was almost shut down in the Fall of 1995, I observed the dedication of the athletes, who rallied around and staged demonstrations so that the program could function as normal. It came as no surprise when they achieved their goal of keeping the athletics program open.

I also learned that people perform

better when there is an element of desperation in what they do. I discovered this when I ran up against deadlines to finish class assignments.

I learned that people can overcome various barriers: cultural, social, and language, when working together for a common purpose or goal. I was in the planning committee for two International Festivals and the committee, like UB, was the essence of multicultural unity. We realized that the success of the festival depended on our commitment to our tasks, however complicated or simple they were.

The new millennium awaits us with its contradictions, challenges and opportunities. Although we seniors will soon leave UB behind us, the UB experience will always be an integral part of our lives and might in more ways than one.

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Profile

Prof. Nicholas: 'You Break a Rock, Find a Fossil - That's Fun!'

The Teacher of 1997 has conquered 61 countries on six continents, Kamchatka is next

by Ana Kleshelskaya

At the convocation ceremony for the start of the new school year, Prof. John Nicholas, better known to students and faculty as Doc Rock, was presented the Teacher of The Year award.

"It was so exciting to see the overcrowded auditorium, seeing some of my old and new students," said Doc Rock, "that I just wished the feeling would never end."

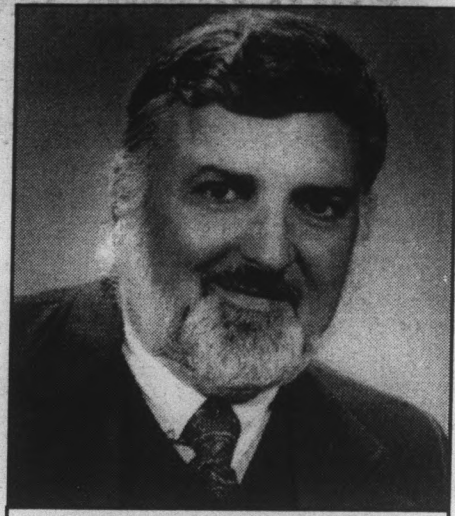
"There is no greater compliment to a teacher then to say that he is the best at what he does," he said. For Doc Rock it is certainly Geology, for no one can see the shells, sand and the rocks along the highway the same way after having attended his class or even meeting with him.

Celebrating his 28th year at the University as the only professor of geology, Dr. Nicholas is known among the students and faculty for his enthusiasm and inspirational spirit,

and for sticking to the University through good and bad times.

"There were times when I had well over 120 students in the class, and times when I could hardly count 30," Prof. Nicholas reminisces of his past years at UB

One thing, however, has always remained the same: his loyalty and dedication to his students. And students have paid him back with the same respect and affection, giving him



Prof. John Nicholas

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"Everything I do is teaching," says Doc Rock

Last Word

by Kyle Reeves

*Fear not your enemies,
For they can only kill you.
Fear not your friends,
For they can only betray you.
Fear only the indifferent, who permit the
killers and betrayers to walk safely on earth.*
-Edward Yashinsky

You may wonder about my reasons for writing this column. Believe me, they are many and various, but mainly it's because of what I see. UB may not be your average college, it's missing more than a football team and fraternities. University life is supposed to be widening your horizons, whether you need them widened or not. Not just landing the right internship and \$2 pitchers at the SportsPage Club.

These are the things which you may or may not know about the United States, whether you are an American or not. Things that are relevant to anybody without a gold card and Daddy's cell phone number. Relevant to me and hopefully to you, too.

Not every column will have this one's content. I will try to be pretty diverse. But remember the poem. Even if these issues don't affect you directly, you should know about them. It's the indifferent and the silent who are truly to be feared.

By now everybody has heard about the August 9 torture of Haitian

immigrant Abner Louima by Brooklyn police officers in the 70th precinct station house. Mr. Louima, who was arrested following a scuffle outside a Flatbush nightclub, was allegedly dragged into a station bathroom and sexually assaulted with a toilet plunger.

Well, something must have happened to Louima because he is still hospitalized with internal injuries, a few of which were a torn colon and bladder. Great way to protect and serve, huh?

Just as New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Police Commissioner Howard Safir were patting themselves on the back for breaking the "blue wall of silence," investigators told New York Times reporters they've netted little information about the incident.

Only two 70th precinct officers have stepped forward out of the nearly 100 assigned there. NYPD spokesman Michael Collins says, "...the department is satisfied that they [police officers] have been honest and forthright." Sure, Mike.

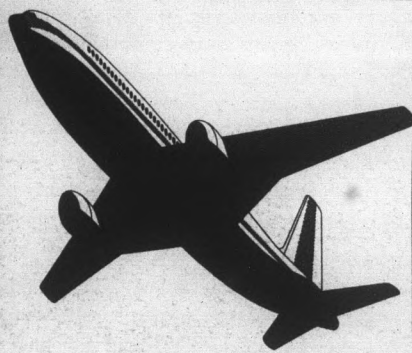
Closer to home, still no charges are pending for East Haven police officer Robert Flodquist, after he smashed the window of unarmed motorist Malik Jones and fired four bullets into his body, killing the 21-year-old.

Following the April 14 car chase,

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Campus Life

Enrollment Increased by 24 Percent

by Naing Lynn

UB enrollment is on the roll again. According to the figures released from the Admissions Office, 504 new students have enrolled at the University, 312 of them undergraduate and 129 graduate. In addition, there are 49 new students enrolled in the School of Chiropractic, and 14 students in the College of Naturapathic Medicine. In total, there are 1845 students enrolled for the fall semester, which is an increase of 24.24 percent compared to this time last year.

These figures are as of September 8, and they do not represent all the students that are attending the University. The total number of students will only appear towards the end of the semester. This is because some students are on "measles holds" at the Health Center, and those students do not show up on the class rosters for the head count.

Dr. Suzanne Dale Wilcox, dean of admissions and financial aid, said that many more registrations will be coming through, since some students are not fully registered at this time, even though they have started their classes.

Compared to the last fall enrollment figures of the same time, the undergraduate new student enrollment has increased by 65.96 percent. Chiropractic students enrollment has increased by 8.89. However, new student enrollment for the graduate schools has declined by 14 percent.

But the total new students

enrollment has increased from 349 last year to 504 this year, projecting the percentage increase of 31.59 percent.

According to the estimates made by Admissions, projected enrollment for the fifth week count now stands between 2687 and 2794 students, with the perspective to have more by the end of the semester, when the final figures are known.

Dr. Wilcox said that "everyone in Admissions and Financial Aid, the students who helped recruit and telemarket, as well as the faculty who spoke to prospective students, deserves a big "thank you" for what seems to be a successful start.

The increase in enrollment at the university is evident everywhere. Seeley Hall has to be opened in addition to Bodine and Barnum Halls. The lines in Marina Dining hall have grown dramatically, and many students are on the waiting list for many classes.

"This is good news for the university, and it is now the time to start recruiting another great group of students for next year," said Dr. Wilcox.

She also pointed out that the first big Open House is on November 4, and said that Admissions "need students and faculty to help bring in some talented and appropriate student - students who love the international flavor and experience of the University of Bridgeport and are willing to work here into the next millennium."

DocRock from page 8

the most unique nickname, which now appears on his car's license plate.

The name itself takes its roots from one of the students, who, in order to clarify Prof. Nicholas' specialization, called him the "Doctor of Rocks," or, in a shorter way, Doc Rock.

Not only did he earn the reputation of a passionate geologist in the classroom, but he also started to take his students on field trips to the Catskill Mountains, which he has already been doing for over 15 years.

"You break a rock, find a fossil - that's fun!" Prof. Nicholas is also known for eagerly taking the initiative of organizing similar trips for elementary and middle school children, as well as conducting teachers' seminars. "Everything I do is teaching, or about teaching," he said, as he now also conducts Capstone seminars.

Geology for some is a rather distant and unattractive subject, but for Prof. Nicholas, geology has become not only a profession, but also a life-calling.

Not that the previously mentioned deeds were not enough, Doc Rock has yet another passion that

goes hand in hand with geology - traveling. "The best geologists are the ones who have seen most geology," Doc Rock justifies in his passion for traveling.

Up to date, he has visited over 61 countries spread out over six continents.

And, what's even more interesting, through his slides and stories, he eagerly shares his experience and knowledge with anyone who is willing to listen.

His next adventure yet to come is Kamchatka, which, as Prof. Nicholas confessed, "would be another dream come true."

"The best Geologists are the ones who have seen most geology."

**Scribe Meeting
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Student Center
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Freshmen from page 7

I speak of vegetarians, and being one, it's often difficult to enjoy the food at barbecues, as their main course is often hamburgers and hot-dogs. The organizers of this barbecue, though, realized the potential for vegetarians at the picnic, with such a diverse group attending, and satisfied my "outcasts" and myself by serving up "veggie-burgers."

Nothing showed the dedication of the orientation staff to its freshman more than that. A simple, almost meaningless purchase that showed all of us freshman that we are wanted,

and perhaps even needed at UB. After all, we are the ones who will eventually be seniors here, and we should plan to make the school the best it can be while we are here.

The key to that, however, lies in the treatment, growth and development of the freshmen in the school. The incoming students have been given one of the most heartfelt welcomes, aid, and assistance that could have been given by such a dedicated staff. They have, no doubt, set us off in the direction that will lead us to lead UB to new levels.

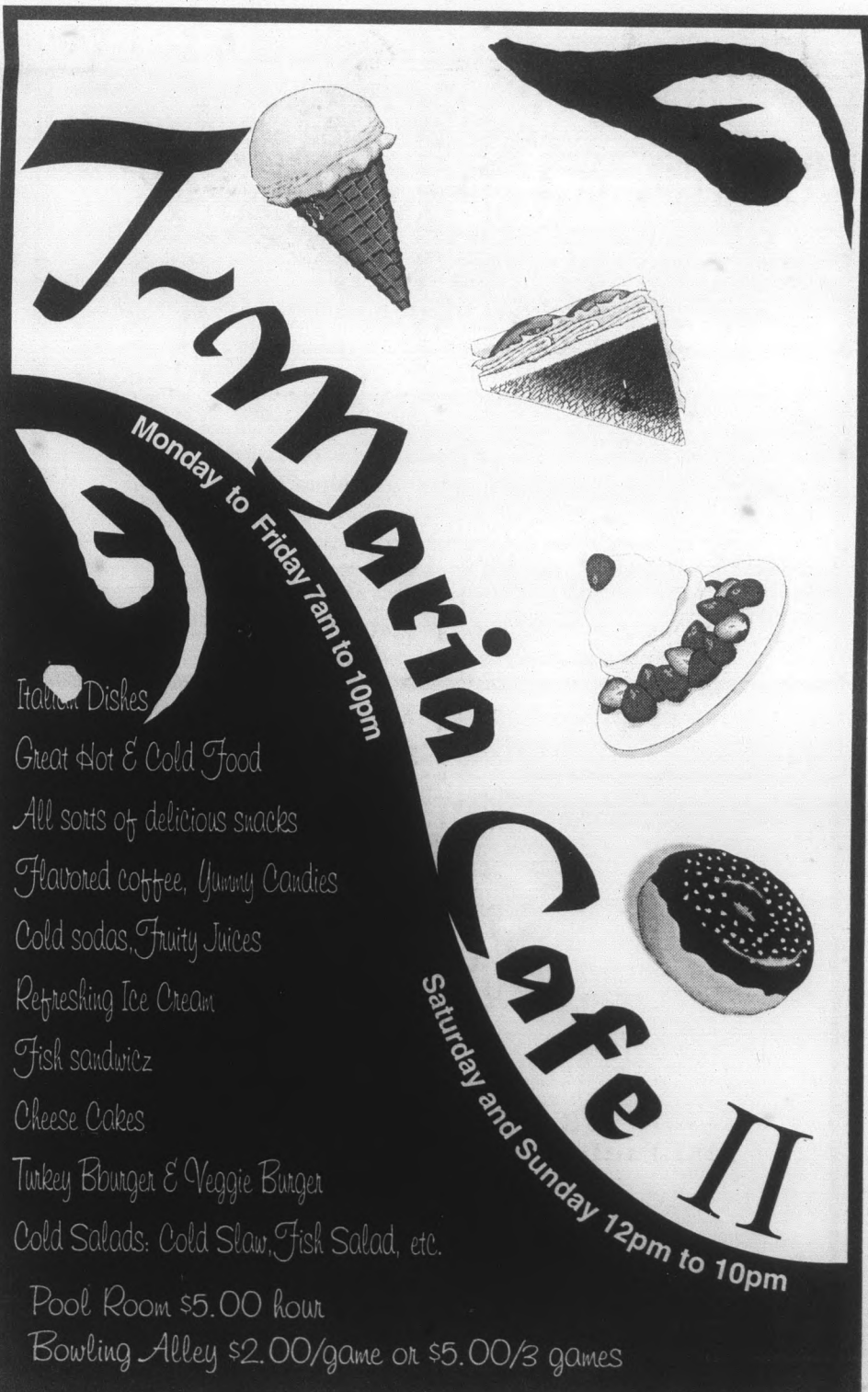
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Miscellaneous

UB Gallery Holds Exhibition of Prints

by Su-Liq Lim

The UB gallery in Arnold Bernhard Center holds an exhibition of prints from the permanent collection of the University of Bridgeport through October 4, Prof. Kaz McCue, who is in charge of the gallery, told The Scribe.

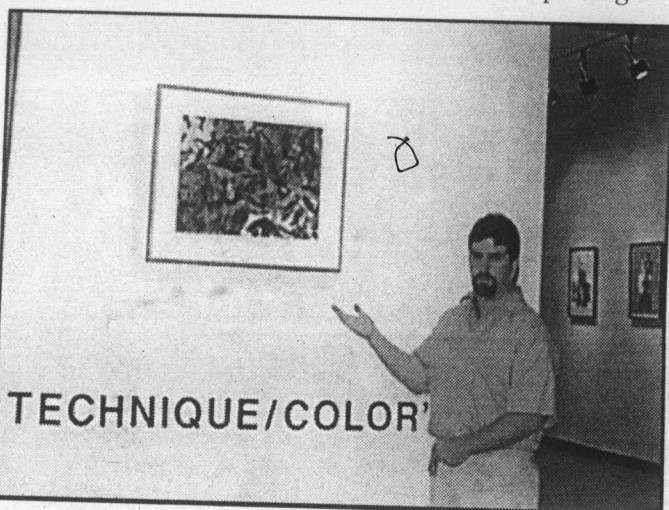
The exhibition, titled "Technique/Color," will feature the works of 12 prominent artists, including Anni Albers, Josef Albers, Arman, Romare Bearden, Audrey Flack, Red Grooms, Donald Judd, Ellsworth Kelly, Jacob Lawrence,

Malcom Morley, Louise Nevelson and James Rosenquist.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an opening



Example of a print in the exhibition



Prof. McCue explaining the title of the exhibition

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Sports

Recruits from page 12

ask how serious they are, and they will tell you "dead serious." Last season's performance left a lot to be desired, but this year's team is looking better and better by the day.

Coach Victor Baptista is expecting a highly competitive season. UB's baseball team is very intense and passionate about the way they play the game of baseball. There is fire and hunger in the eyes of the athletes, and win or lose, these guys are going to

give it a hundred percent effort. These athletes leave everything on the field when they play, and that's what separates this team from the rest of the competition.

A lot of these baseball players also run in the track season and this is part of their endurance training. The track season is difficult, but the more they race the stronger they become.

You have to be strong mentally and physically to play baseball at UB. It takes a lot of long hours and hard work to be competitive. This team

has the talent and the heart to take them to the NCAA championship. The opening flame may be six months away, but fire is burning in the hearts of the baseball athletes.

Track

UB's cross-country season begins on September 13, and it comes to a close in November. Not only do these athletes have to run in the sweltering heat, but also in the bone-chilling cold. Endurance and stamina is a must, but required a strong mind and a love for the sport is also required.

The love for track is very important, because sometime that love will be the only thing you have to hold on to in times of pain and agony. A cross-country race can be miles through rough terrain, brutal uphill climbs, and downhill descents so steep that if you are not careful you could tumble down. The hills and the rough

terrain aren't the only problem, the miles alone are enough to break even the best athlete.

If you ask a lot of the non-track athletes on campus if they have run for long distances before, the answer would probably be "no." Not a lot of people know what it takes to run races. If you think you've got what it takes to run cross-country at Bridgeport, then go over to Harvey Hubbell gym and speak to coach Victor Baptista.

He is more than willing to give you a shot. The track athletes are currently preparing for a long and fatiguing season. They train every morning and race on Sundays.

It's going to be a very challenging season, but the track team works very hard. More importantly, the young men and women on the track team have heart, and that's why they will persevere.

Men and Women's Cross Country Schedule

DATE	EVENT	SITE	TIME
September 13	University of Hartford Invitational	Keeney Park Hartford, CT	TBA
27	Vassar College Invitational	Ballantine Field Poughkeepsie	W-12 Noon M-1:00p.m.
October 4	Bard College Invitational	Bard College Annandale on Hudson, NY	W-12 Noon M-12:45p.m.
12	Steven Institute of Tech. Invitational	Liberty State Park Jersey City, NJ	W-10:30 a.m. M-11:30a.m.
15	Teikyo Post University	Hop Brook Park Waterbury, CT	W-3:30p.m. M-4:00p.m.
25	New England College Conference Cross Country Championships	Albany, NY	TBA
November 2	Halloween Classic	Van Cortlandt Park, NY	W-12:30p.m. M-1:30p.m.

Men and Women's Volleyball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
September 11	Thursday	ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE	7:00p.m.
13	Saturday	DOMINICAN COLLEGE	1:00p.m.
18	Thursday	at Sacred Heart University	7:00p.m.
22	Monday	at Yale University (JV)	7:00p.m.
25	Thursday	ST. JOSEPH'S (CT)	7:00p.m.
30	Tuesday	Keene State College	7:00p.m.
October 2	Thursday	at Albertus Magnus College	7:00p.m.
6	Monday	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE	7:00p.m.
10	Thursday	at Southern Connecticut	7:00p.m.
18	Saturday	at Western Connecticut	TBA
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November 2	Sunday	at New Hampshire College	2:00p.m.

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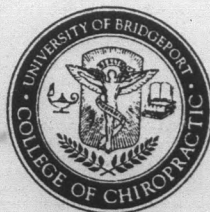
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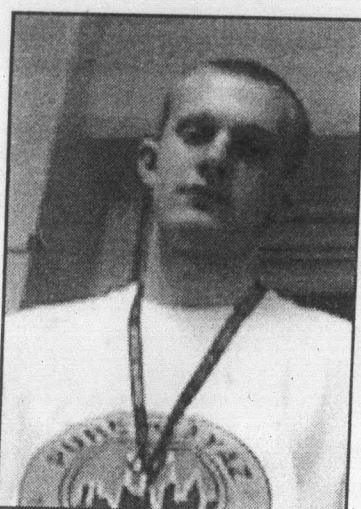
Sports Teams Get Ready To Man the Field

by Dale Carnegie

Well, athletes it's almost that time of the year again. Time to get serious, time to get mean and intense. UB's outstanding sports teams are getting ready to man the fields and show no mercy to the opponents. UB takes pride in its sports. That pride can be seen on the faces of all the athletes on campus.

Basketball

The basketball season begins in October, but don't tell that to the players. They are training like there is no tomorrow. Some of the top recruited basketball players are itching



Eric Similes

to show off their stuff in what looks to be a promising season. Hopefully, it will be a season filled with the thrill of victory and the satisfaction of hard work.

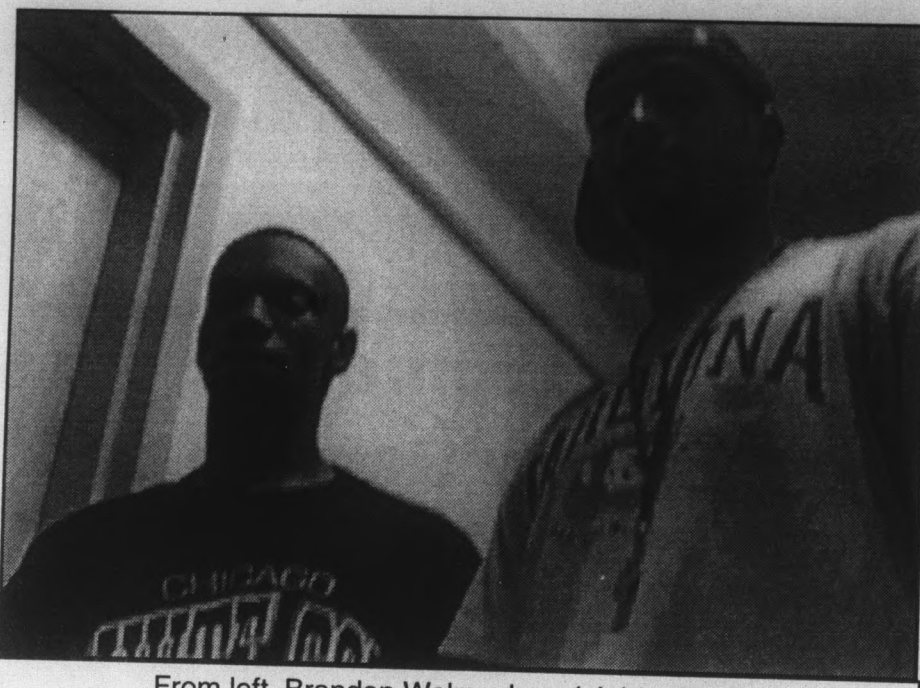
Brandon Wolmack and Eric Similes are two of UB's highly recruited freshman sensations. These guys are going to be a great addition to UB's already fantastic team. Brandon Wolmack will be taking the court at the point guard position, and Eric Similes will be at the small forward position.

These two guys make UB's chances of success good, but add Jamie Rawa and Dave Lemanczyk, and the school's chances get even better. Endowed with speed and strength, UB has an explosive team that is able to put points on the board, and shut down the opponents' offense.

By the looks of Jamie Rawa, and Dave Lemanczyk, one may think that they would be limited to the center position. What is really amazing about these guys is that they have the ability to play the center position as well as the small and power forward positions. Equipped with talent and versatility, these guys are lethal weapons.

Soccer

The girls and boys' soccer season is also shifting into gear. By the looks of the scrimmages, it is going to be a



From left, Brandon Wolmack and Jaime Rawa.

season filled with action and success. To play soccer requires a lot of endurance of stamina. A soccer game is ninety minutes of intense running. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to join the soccer teams.

The first game of a long season is fast approaching, and the girls and boys soccer players are training hard. Pain is the name of the game and no one knows it better than Tamra Bronson and Liz Falon. These two members of the girls' soccer team may seem sweet and charming on campus, but when they step on the field they turn into fierce and ferocious competitors.

Teams everywhere have a lot of respect for UB soccer. We have some of the best coaches and they have done quite a job training teams that they think will take UB the distance. They have recruited fine athletes such as Linda Ohlander and Jenny Rosfelin. These young ladies are well built and well trained, the coaches expect a lot out of these highly talented athletes.

Baseball

The baseball season begins in the fall, but believe it or not they are starting to train in September. You

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Women's Soccer Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
September			
11	Thursday	ELMS COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
17	Wednesday	at New Jersey Tech	5:00p.m.
20	Saturday	ALBANY	12 Noon
24	Wednesday	SOUTHERN CONN.	3:00p.m.
27	Saturday	NEW HAVEN COLLEGE	12 Noon
28	Sunday	ST.THOMAS AQUINAS	3:30p.m.
30	Tuesday	at Teikyo Post	3:30p.m.
October			
4	Saturday	CONCORDIA COLLEGE	12 Noon
7	Tuesday	SACRED HEART U.	3:00p.m.
11	Saturday	at Old Westbury	3:00p.m.
14	Tuesday	at New Haven	3:00p.m.
18	Saturday	at Franklin Pierce	12 Noon
21	Tuesday	TEIKYO POST	3:00p.m.
25	Saturday	at UMass Lowell	12 Noon
28	Tuesday	at Bard College	3:30p.m.
November			
1	Saturday	at Molloy College	11:00 a.m.

Men's Soccer Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
September			
10	Wednesday	at C.W. Post	3:00p.m.
20	Saturday	ALBANY	2:00p.m.
21	Sunday	NEW JERSEY TECH	1:00p.m.
27	Saturday	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2:00p.m.
28	Sunday	ST.THOMAS AQUINAS	2:00p.m.
October			
1	Wednesday	STONY BROOK	3:00p.m.
4	Saturday	TEIKYO POST	2:00p.m.
8	Wednesday	at L.I.U. - Southampton	3:00p.m.
11	Saturday	at Mercy	1:00p.m.
15	Wednesday	at New Haven	3:00p.m.
18	Saturday	at Franklin Pierce	2:00p.m.
22	Wednesday	at Sacred Heart U.	3:00p.m.
25	Saturday	at UMass Lowell	2:00p.m.
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